



TOWN OF HUDSON



Sustainability Committee Minutes

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March 23, 2015 – 7PM

Hudson Town Hall - 12 School St., Hudson, NH 03051

Buxton C.D. Meeting Room

1. Call to Order By:

The meeting was called to order by Leo Bernard at 7:04

2. Attendance:

Frank Rosier, Leo Bernard, Cecilia Nickerson, Linda Kipnes, Debra Putnam, Michael Tranfaglia and Margaret Femia

Absent excused: Jason Shoemaker and Tianna Begonis

Absent unexcused: Uday Khatri and Ben Nadeau

3. Public Input:

Ben Dibble, Named the Earth Day event to the “Earth Day Party”. Flyers were created and distributed to the Hudson Elementary Schools. There was great participation at the most recent planning meeting and the event is well under way.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the meeting of February 23rd, 2014 were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Margaret and seconded by Linda. The motion passed 7-0.

5. Reports:

- **Trash Tonnage Report** – The tonnage report showed a steady rate of 27% for the month of February.
- **Expenditure Report** – No expenditures to report for the period.
- **Clean-Up Days** – The next clean-up days will be on March 28, 2015 from 8am to 12pm and a pass is required.
- **Yard Waste Disposal** – These are held every Saturday from 8am until Noon April – November and no pass is needed.
- **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collections** – These are at the Nashua Public Works Garage located at 9 Stadium Dr. in Nashua. The next date is April 18th from 8am-noon.
- **Holiday Schedule for Recycling** – The next holiday will be May 25th, 2015, Memorial Day. Monday collection will be one day delayed on Tuesday and each day that week will be one day later for the entire week. Some collection days were missed due to the snow but these were not official holidays.
- **HLN Column & E-mails** – Tianna is writing an article referring to Roadside clean-up and reference to car idling brought up at last meeting by Margaret. An email was received from a boy scout to interview a committee member. Lisza consented to an interview with the individual.
- **Energy Items** – Linda reviewed Energy audits that were done previously and will review to check which items have been completed. She will report out at our next meeting. Linda discussed the idea of a solar farm in the Town of Hudson. She talked to a representative from Peterborough to discuss their plan. Debra attended the most recent energy conference and determined that there had been

some very significant advancements in LED technology that if done through certain government agencies it can be done for a very low cost. Light-tech is a company that can work with towns to retrofit their buildings with new lights.

6. Old Business:

- **Roadside clean-up** – Tianna has confirmed the date on April 18th and suggested Old Derry Road and Robinson Road. Second choice would be Lowell Road. Tianna contacted Planet Aid and they should be in attendance for volunteers. Deb contacted Alvirne and discussed the plan for additional volunteers with Dalia Tiboult, member of Alvirne ROTC. She was excited to provide volunteers. The committee will present Old Derry Road, Robinson Road and Lowell road at the head of the Sagamore Bridge to the BOS for clean-up. Deb made a motion to bring the aforementioned roads to the BOS seconded by Michael. The committee will put out signs and issue bright t-shirts for safety. The committee will work on the logistics the day of the event to make it most effective. The group will meet at the Hudson Speedway to start the event.
- **Boy Scout Earth Day** – See notes from beginning of meeting during public input. The Boy Scouts would like our assistance at a sign in table for the event. The committee would provide a raffle item for the event. This would consist of some assorted energy items in a bag. Deb will gather items for the door prize. The committee would also bring some clear blue beverage bottle recyclers as well. Linda made a motion to approve the sum of \$125 to supply a second Port-a-potty for the event, seconded by Deb. Motion passed 7-0. Linda made a motion to approve up to \$100 to purchase a blue recycling tote if one cannot be donated, seconded by Deb. Motion passed 7-0. Deb made a motion to purchase one shower restrictor at a cost of approximately \$21 through New Hampshire Saves for inclusion in a door prize, seconded by Michael. Motion passed 7-0. Deb will order the shower head and inquire about the bin with Pinard. The Committee will also provide a couple of tents if weather is not amenable. The Boy Scouts will be advertising the event in various ways throughout the town.
- **Voting Day** – The committee had a presence at voting day with a table and resources. The Solar Warrant article was defeated on the ballot by a small margin. The committee determined that the article was defeated due to lack of education and exposure to the article. The committee would like to pursue this article again in the future.

7. New Business:

- **Upcoming Committee Memberships** – Leo, Frank, Linda and Jason are scheduled to come up in April for renewal. Jason has decided to not continue with his membership. Linda has submitted her application and Frank and Leo are undecided at this time.
- **Other Business or Event for Committee** – Leo located the brochure for the blue can recycling and would like to have the committee purchase additional units. The committee will investigate the cost and revisit at a future meeting. The Kiwanis Indoor Yard sale is coming up in April. The committee was not invited and will not be in attendance. The committee will investigate attendance next year.

8. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison & Staff Comments:

Frank – Looking forward to all the Earth Day events the committee has planned.

Cecilia – Looking forward to Roadside Clean-up. The event is very uplifting, please come down.

Debra – Hope everyone attends the Earth Day Party

Margaret – Ask your builder if they use the most recent green methods to build your new home or addition.

Leo – Has had a great year working with the committee and hope to continue with the committee and also looking forward to the Roadside Clean-up and Boy Scout event.

Michael – Looking forward to the roadside clean-up.

Linda – Hope everyone comes to the Earth Day Events.

9. Selection of Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held on April 27th, 2015 at the Buxton C.D. meeting room at 7pm.

10. Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Deb and seconded by Cecilia. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Frank Rosier

Frank Rosier, Clerk

3/23/2015

Date

